



Charles McCormack

October 19, 1939 - April 26, 2018

Charles Kenneth (Ken) McCormack passed away on April 26th, 2018 in Lincoln City. Ken was born on October 19th, 1939 in Shreveport, Louisiana and was raised in Albuquerque, N.M. He lived in many places during his lifetime before moving to the Oregon coast.

In 1989, Ken married Carolyn Saunders and moved permanently to Neskowin, Oregon. Ken studied English and History at the University of New Mexico, where he received his B.A. and M.A. Over the years, Ken spent more than 15 years teaching English in high schools and colleges. His ambition was to be a writer, and working as a photojournalist, he published articles in many national and regional magazines.

After moving to the Oregon coast, Ken worked for the Lincoln City News Guard before retiring and spent the last years of his life working with photography, writing and doing lapidary work with stones. He was the author of 'Hail, Holy Light: A Journey Through the Great Awakening of the Sixties', a book about his personal spiritual journey and thoughts on one of his heroes, Aldous Huxley.

Ken was a fine jazz pianist who loved art and literature. He was a fierce advocate for justice, especially on behalf those on the margins of society. All his life he was spiritual seeker who found solace in nature, and he was an

avid backpacker in his younger years.

As a former board member of Peace Village and Oregon Peaceworks, Ken was very active in the civil rights and antiwar movements and held many workshops on meditation and nonviolence.

In Lincoln City he was a tireless volunteer with several programs for the homeless, helping with He's My Brother, Siletz House, and the Lincoln City Emergency Warming Shelter. He was a longtime member of the Lincoln City Congregational Church.

Ken is survived by his wife, Carolyn Saunders of Neskowin; two sons, Chuck and Kevin Roberts, and grandson Cody, all of New Mexico; and his sister Janet Yearian of New York city. He was pre-deceased by his older brother, John McCormack of Utah.

Contributions in his name can be made to Peace Villa